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PROPOSALS


*Humbly offer'd to the Honourable House of COMMONS,
for Laying a Duty upon such Live Cattle, as are
hereafter mention'd.*

I. **T**HAT all Graziers, Farmers, in the Kingdom of Great-Britain, or Sellers of Live Cattle, viz. Bulls, Oxen, Cows, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs, Piggs, Horses, &c. that shall sell any of the aforesaid Cattle at any Market-Town in Great-Britain, on their Respective Market-Days: Or on the Days of their Publick Fairs, shall pay, or cause to be paid, the Sum of *One Shilling* out of every *Pound Sterling* out of the price that any of the aforesaid Cattle are Sold at; which Money shall be Received by the Clerk of the Market, who shall keep a Book to enter it, with the Day of the Week, Month, and Year, the sort of Cattle Sold, the Name of them that Sold them, if Servants; likewise their Master's Names. But if any of the aforesaid Cattle are not Sold in the Market, nor on Market-Days, or the Days of Publick Fairs, the Seller shall pay the Sum of *One Shilling* and out of every *Pound Sterling* out of the Price for which their Cattle are Sold, which shall be Received by the Clerk of the next Market Town, and be Entred into his Book as aforesaid.

II. THAT none of the before Named Cattle, shall be sold in the Market before the Hour of Six in the Morning, between the Tenth of *March* and the Thirteenth of *September*; nor before *Eight* in the Morning, between the Thirteenth of *September* and the Tenth of *March*, at which said Hours the Market Bell shall Ring.

III. THAT if any Grazier, Farmer, or Seller of any of the aforesaid Cattle, neglect on the same Day to Enter his, or his Masters Cattle, on Information thereof given to the Clerk of the Market, after the Expiration of Twenty Four Hours, shall Forfeit the Sum of the one half to the Informer, and the other half to the Queen.

IV. THAT no Stock-Jobber Buy or Sell any sort of Live Cattle in any part of *Great Britain*, without a Licence, which shall cost him the Sum of *Pound* yearly.

 NOTE, If any one, or more, of any of the before-named Cattle, are Sold to any one Person for less than *Twenty Shillings*, they to be freed from this Duty.

Article I. Partly Obliges all Sellers to come to Market with their Cattle; by which means several Market-Towns (I mean the Inhabitants) of Great-Britain, who are scarce able to Live for want of Trade in the several Market Towns; will by this means be inabled to pay this Tax, and other Taxes likewise, by reason of so many Publick Advantages that Commerce offers to them.

Article II. Will prevent any Person Stealing of the aforesaid Cattle, and bringing them to Market to Sell them; for according to it they cannot be Sold, or offered to Sale before the Market-Bell Rings, by which means any Person may have a View of all Cattle Sold in the Market.

Article III. Will binder any one from not Paying this Tax.

NOTE, This Duty will (Undoubtedly) Raise more Money than any one Tax yet thought of, and require fewer Collectors.

THERE are according to a moderate Computation Sold in *Smith-field* Market in one Week 1600 Head of Black-Cattle, which amount to in the Year 83200 Cattle, which if Sold, one with another, for *Seven Pounds* each, and but *Three Pence* paid out of every *Pound Sterling*, it will Raise the Sum of ~~1040~~ *Pound* Yearly in the aforesaid Market.

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